

is called after the country 'Mewari'.¹⁵⁴ The educated and higher order of men speak a 'Hindi' which is taught in schools. Ms Fatehlal came at about 7 in the evening and said the Maharana would give us a sitting the next morning.

Frida~ 21 June 1901

We had another sitting from the Maharana this morning at 11, and we afterwards brought the picture home with us. The row on the lake in the morning is interesting to an artist. The ghats or beautiful stone steps are filled with bathers of both sexes. The women who walk along the street so closely veiled strip themselves almost naked and indulge in bathing or washing without any sign of modesty.

Saturday~ 22nd June 1901

We learnt today from Kilimanur of the death of old Nambiar. My cousin Ithammar¹⁵⁵ from whose letter we heard of it first announcing the event in the following witty lines:¹⁵⁶

As a slanderer no body was
better than him.
After death and before God, he
continues to be unbeaten.

He had such a slanderous tongue that he was called 'Narada'.¹⁵⁷ In the evening we had a drive to the park and we met the Maharana driving in a carriage and four, accompanied [by] three more full of his friends.

Sunday~ 23rd June 1901

Mr Shobhanath and his relations, who had gone to Bikaner for the former's marriage called this morning, having returned a couple of days ago. The young man's father occupies the hereditary post of master of ceremonies at the Maharana's court. He has been practising drawing under us since our arrival here, though owing to the marriage he had to leave it for some days past.

Monday~ 24th June 1901

This evening we went to Ms Fatehlal's garden where his father was photographed under our direction by a local photographer. We afterwards walked through the garden, which is one of the most verdant spots in the city. We returned home with Ms Fatehlal whom we had invited to dine with us. He expressed himself pleased with our dishes.

Tuesday~ 25th June 1901

Ms Pannellal¹⁵⁸ our friend's father, sat to us this evening for his portrait which we intend finishing at home, as our departure is approaching. His features are very regular and his complexion is fair. He has a

